

# Update on Electric Motor Noise

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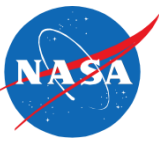
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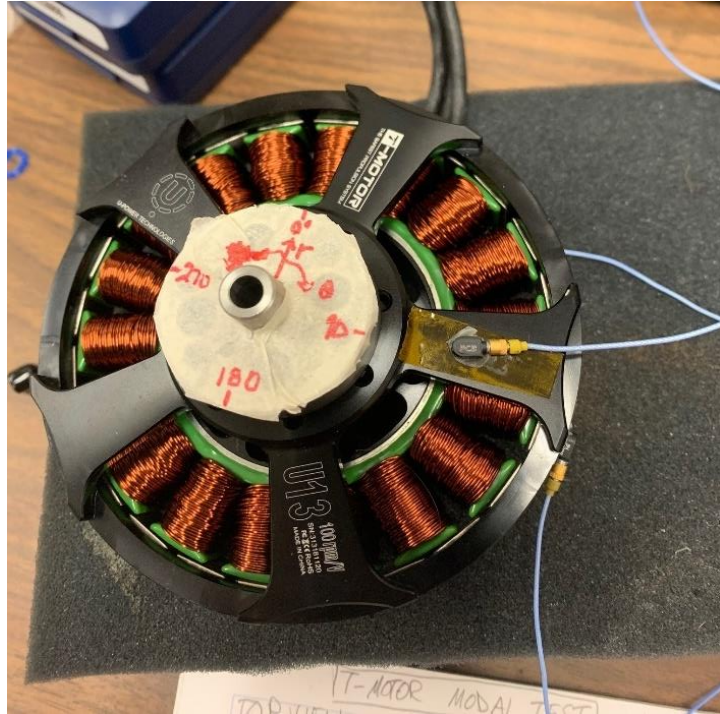
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# Outline and Objectives

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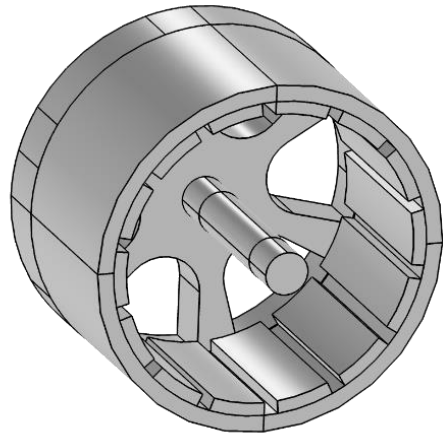
- Develop a noise prediction tool for system type studies
  - Electromagnetic forcing model
  - Create a validated rotor geometry simulation
    - Used to predict mode shapes and frequencies
    - Validated by comparison to experimental modal analysis
  - Electric motor rotor acoustic propagation model
    - Framework presented at Fall 2021 ATWG
    - Validation data has been acquired
- Determine if electric motor noise is an important noise source for UAM vehicles
  - Start with Moog/SureFly vehicle
  - Develop test procedure for motors installed in vehicles
  - Looking for opportunities to make measurements



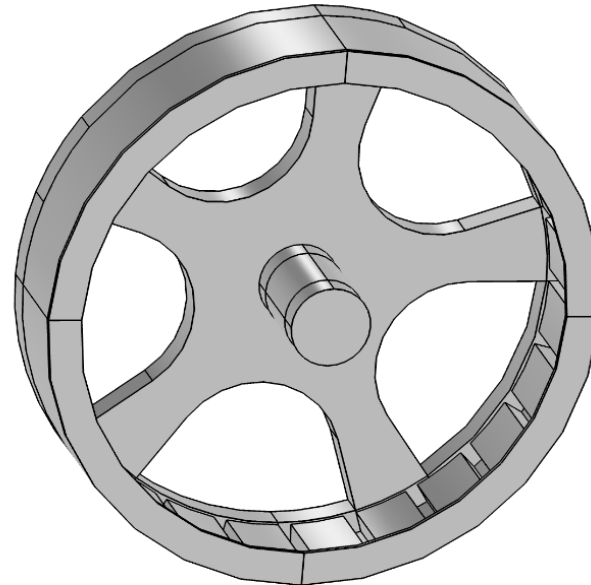
Accelerometers being installed on U13 rotor.

- Instrumented with accelerometers
  - Around rotor circumference
  - On spokes
- Rotor excited by modal impact hammer
- Rotors tested alone and installed onto the stator
- Clean modes detected over a wide range of frequencies

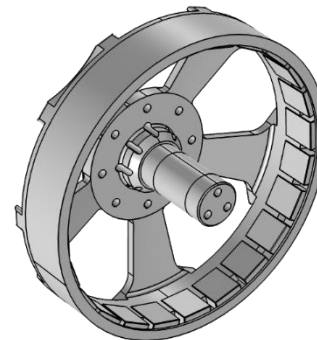
# Radial Flux Rotor Parameterized Geometry



Parameterized Scorpion



Parameterized U13

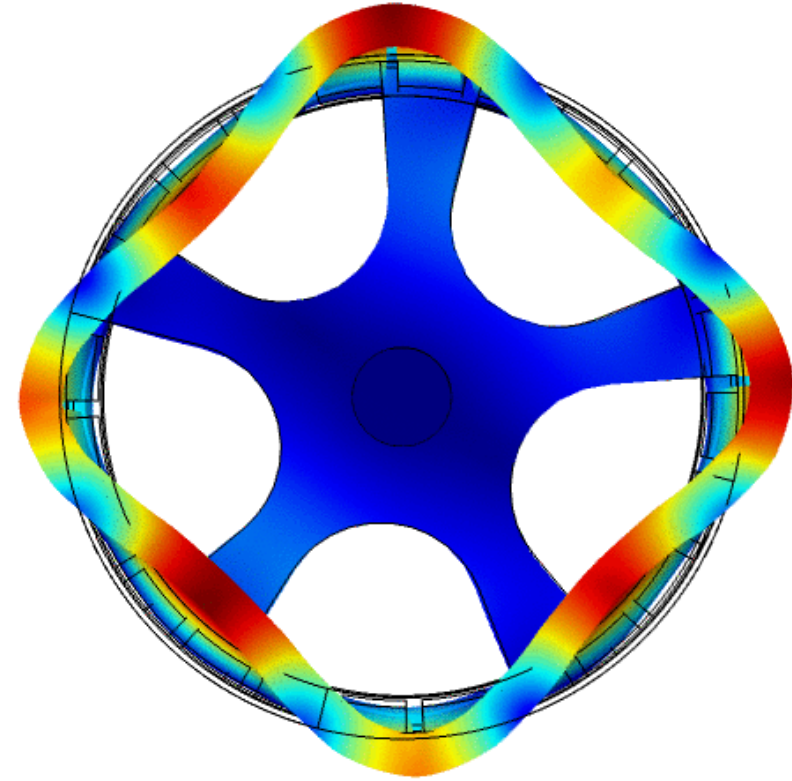


High Fidelity  
Model for  
Comparison

## User Defined Parameters

- Outer Diameter
- Wall thickness
- Rotor Height
- Number of Magnets
- Number of Spokes
- Material Properties
- Shaft Diameter
- Magnet Circumferential Area Fraction
- Spoke Thickness

# U13 Experimental/Simulation Mode Shape Comparison

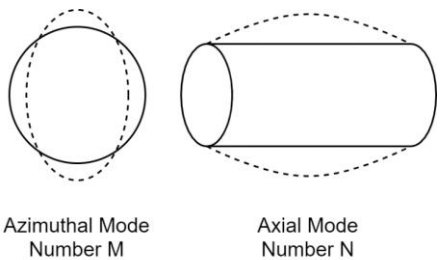
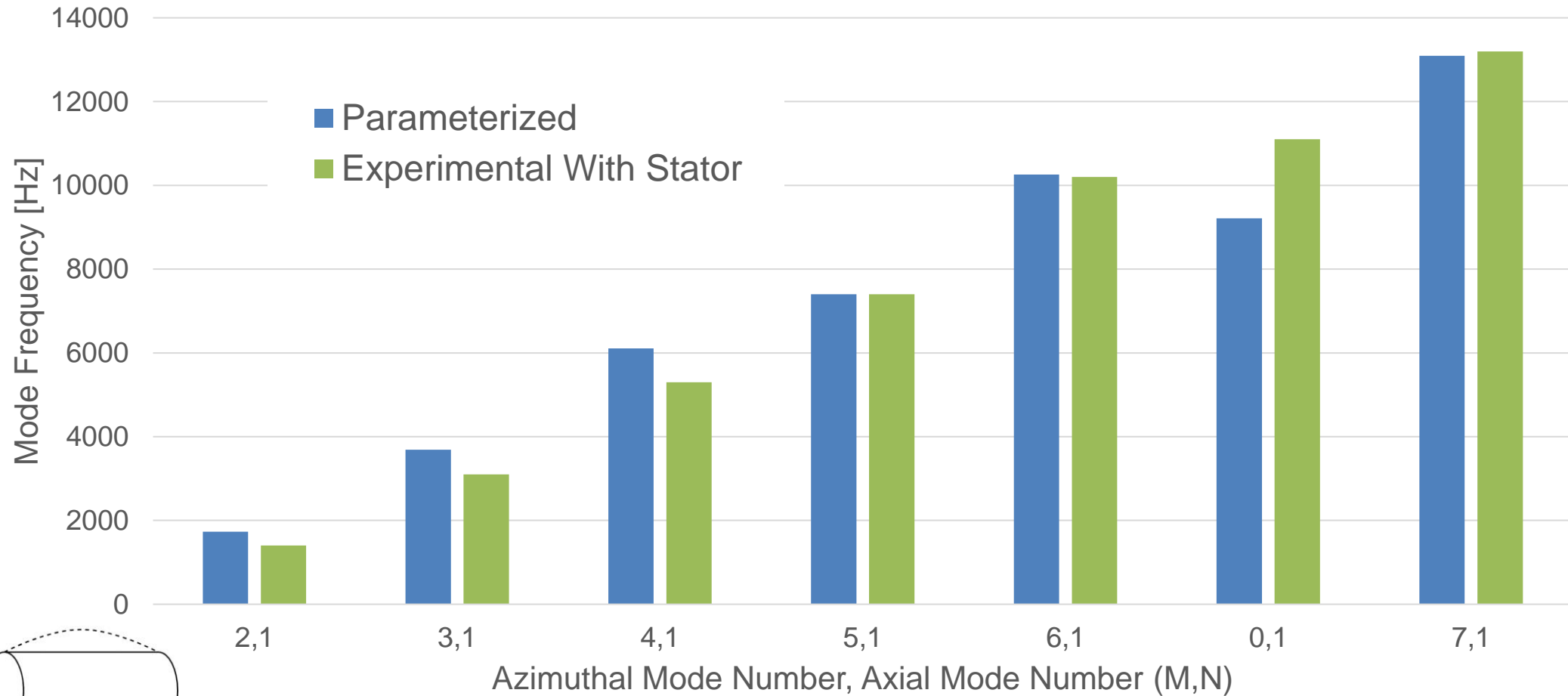


Azimuthal mode 4 vibrations showing similarity of rotor vibration shape between experiment (left) and simulation (right)

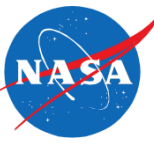
# U13 Model Experimental Comparison



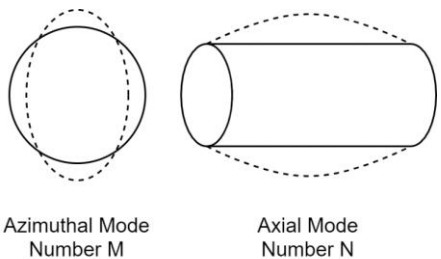
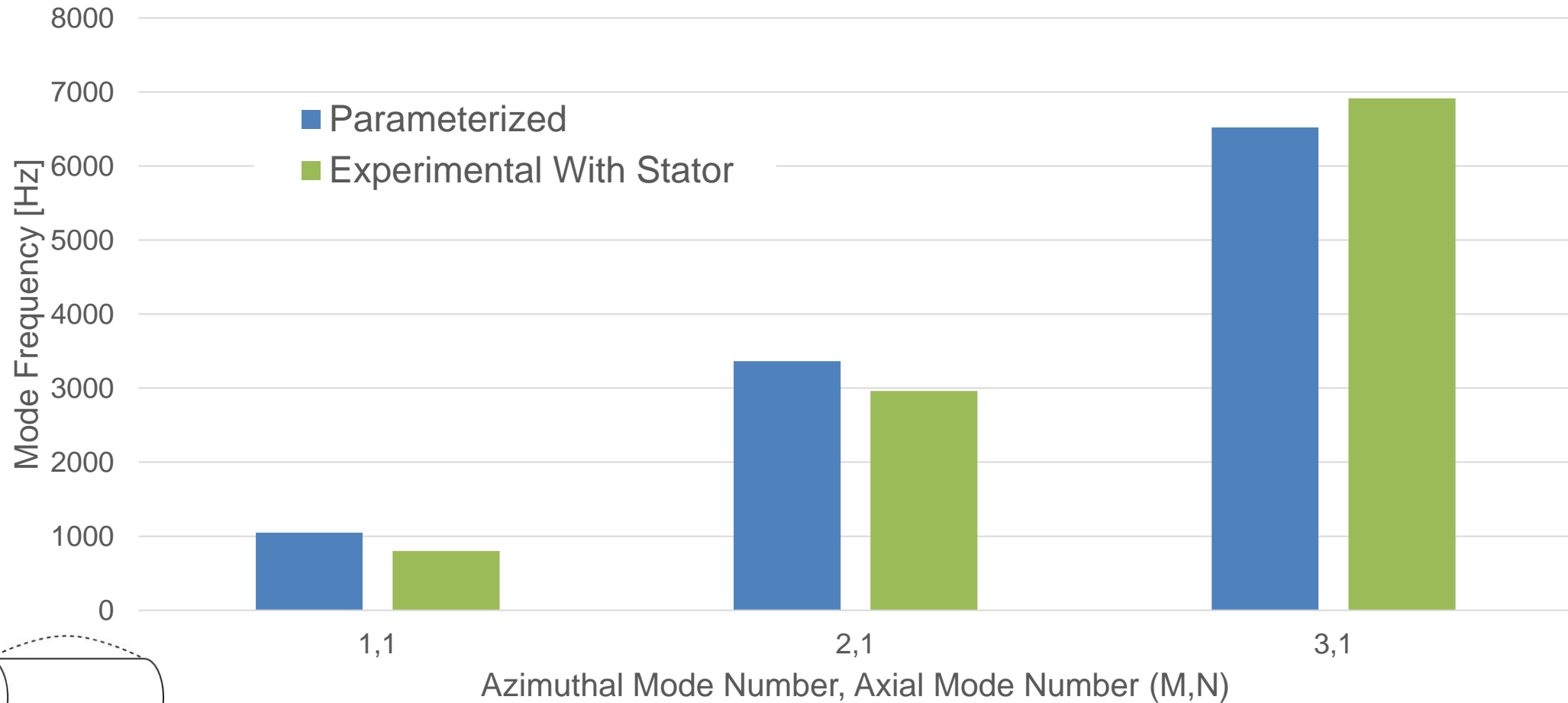
U13 FEA/Modal Analysis Mode Frequency Comparison



# Scorpion Model Experimental Comparison



Scorpion FEA/Modal Analysis Mode Frequency Comparison



# Upcoming Work

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- Modal analysis of an EMRAX<sup>®</sup> motor of the type used in the Moog SureFly<sup>®</sup> vehicle.
- Comparison of EMRAX modal analysis to simulation.

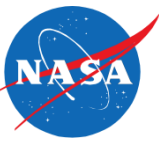


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# **Acoustic Validation Data for 1 – 4kW Electric Motors**

- Identify critical speeds for a range of motors
  - Aspect ratio is of particular interest
  - Sharpness of resonance peaks
  - Amplitudes of peaks
  - Frequency of peaks
- Acquire acoustic near-field data at critical speeds
  - Validate finite element model frequencies
  - Support acoustic propagation model development

# 1 – 4kW Motors



Lumenier LU8lite



Lumenier LU12II



Lumenier LU10plus



T Motor U12



Lumenier LU11II

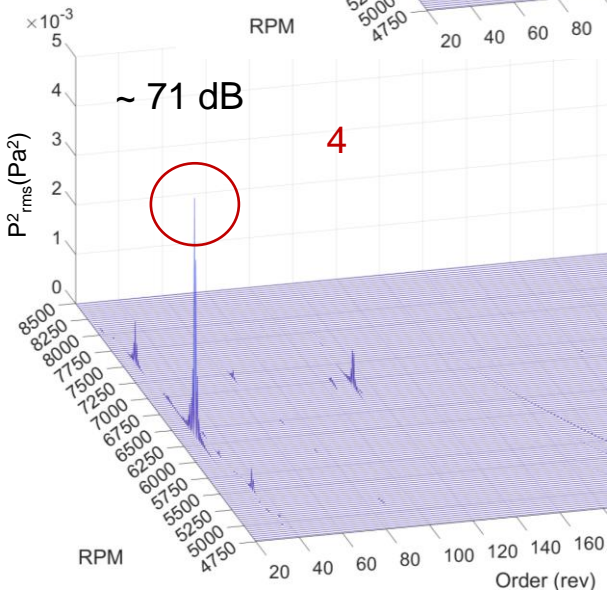
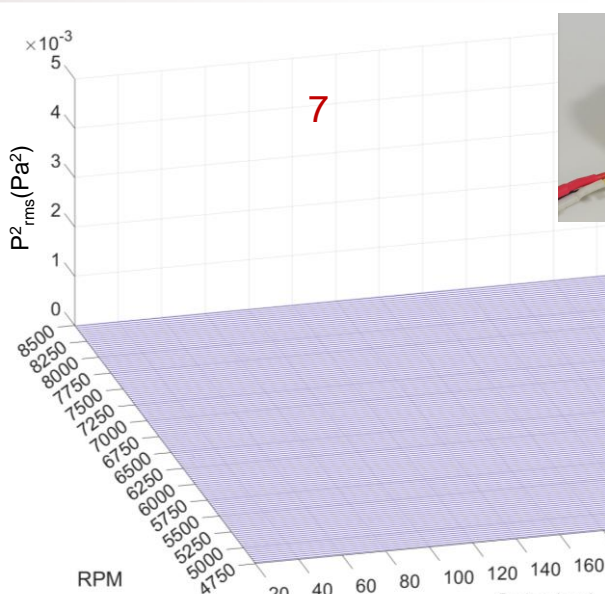
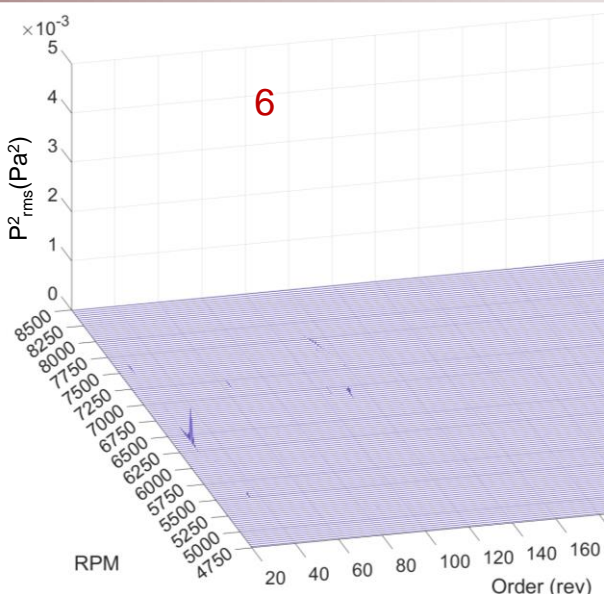
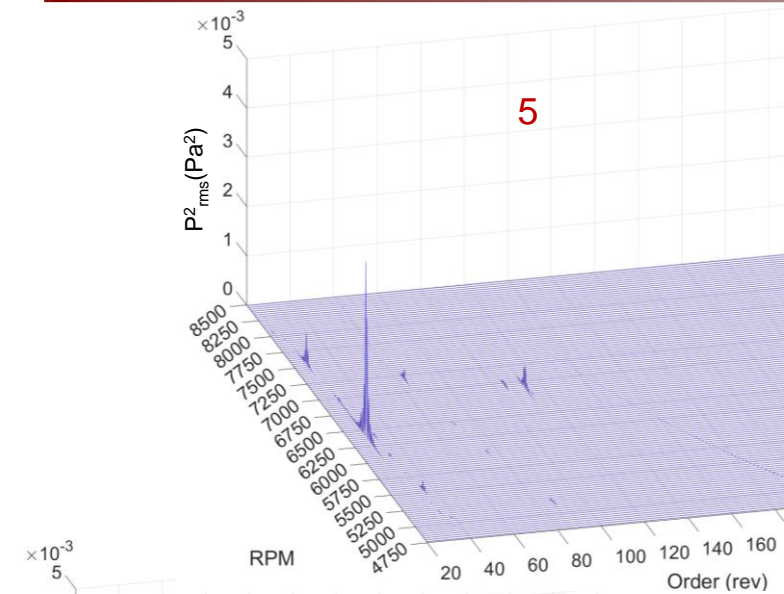


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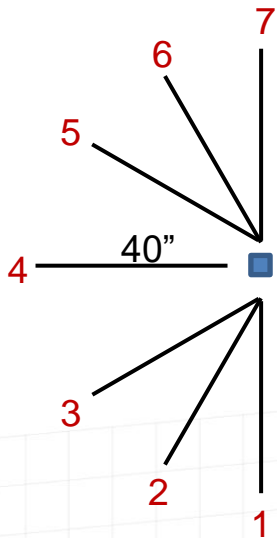
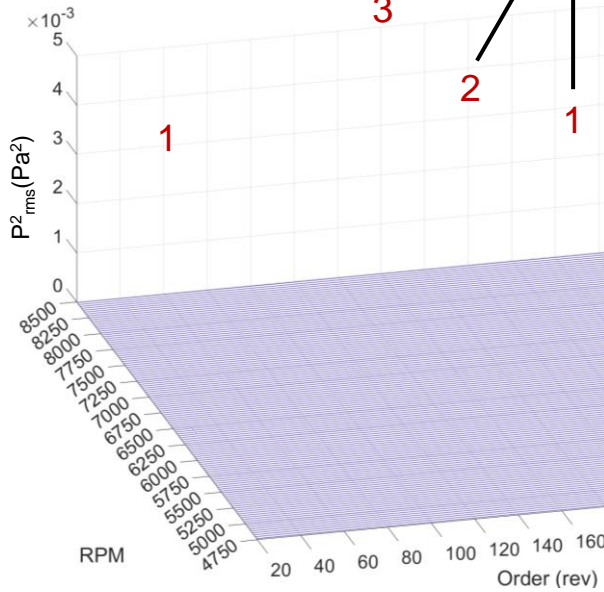
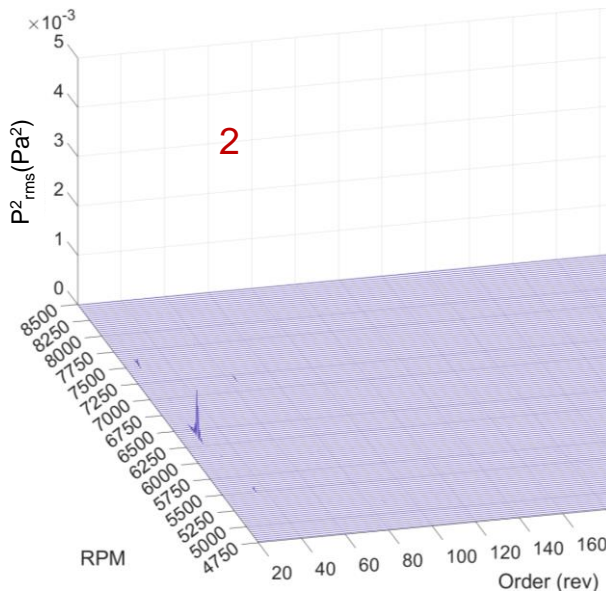
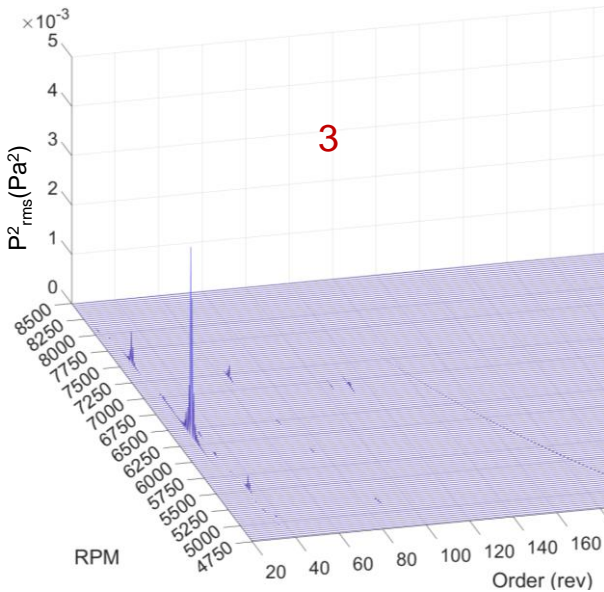


Scorpion SII-4020

# Scorpion Motor

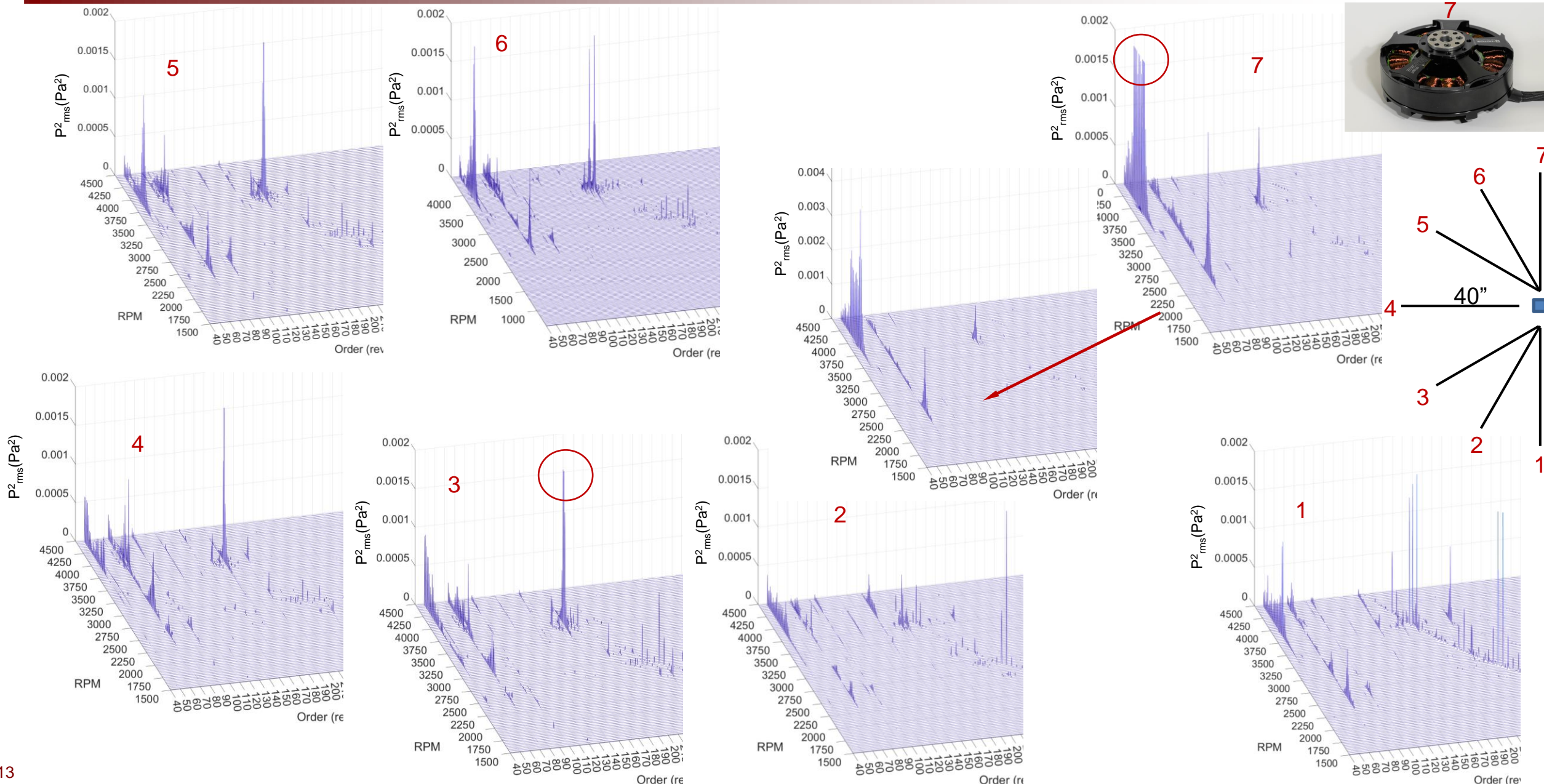


Acoustic levels at lower speeds are not significant



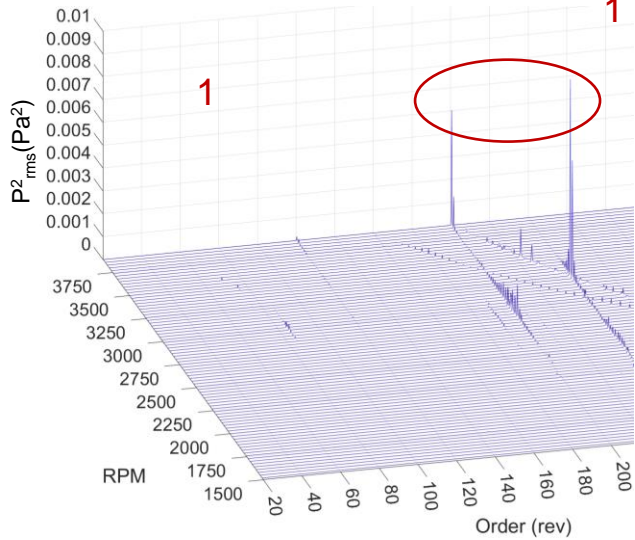
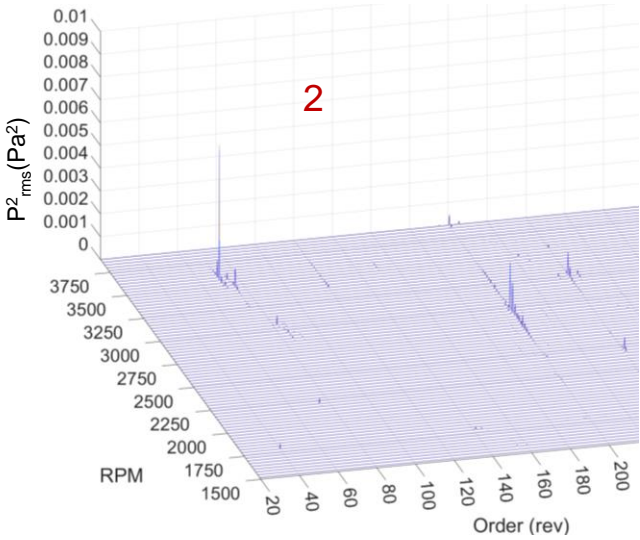
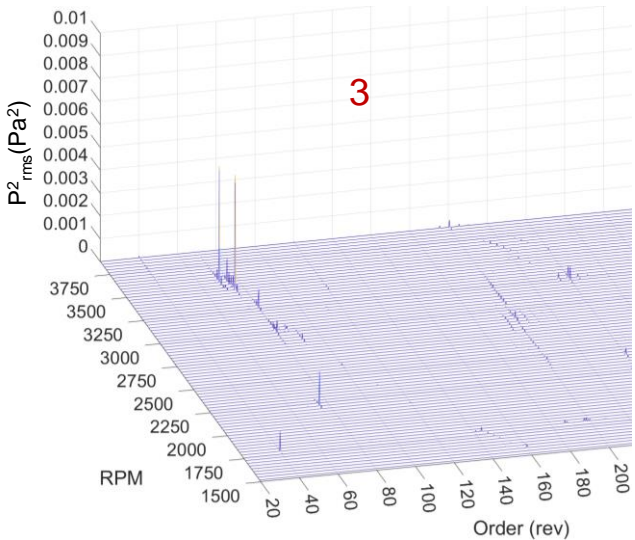
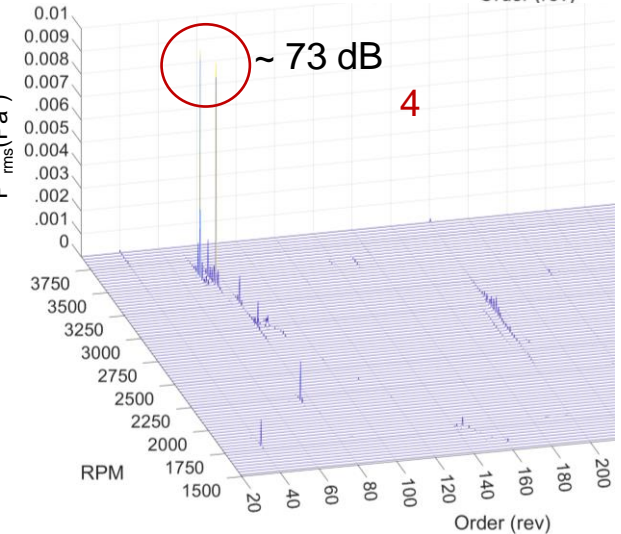
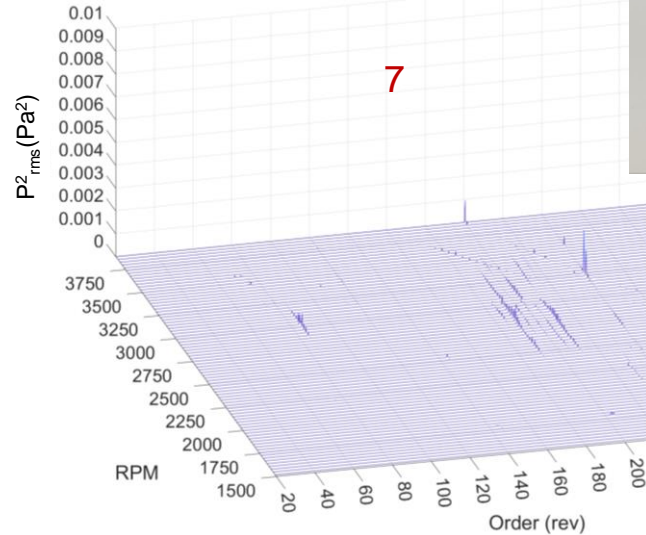
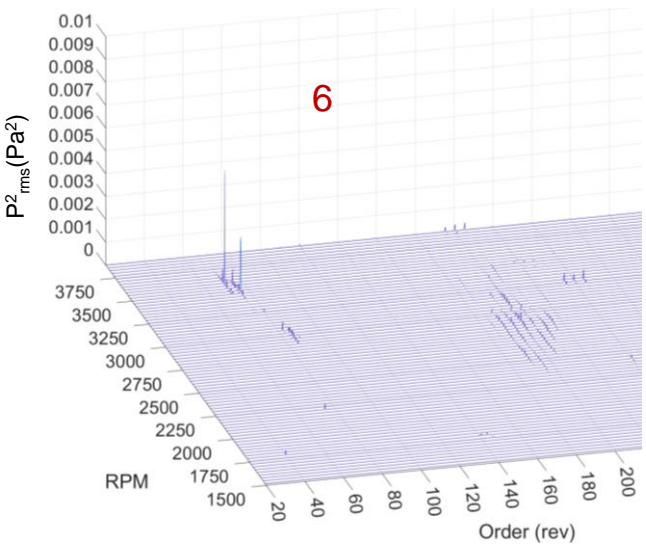
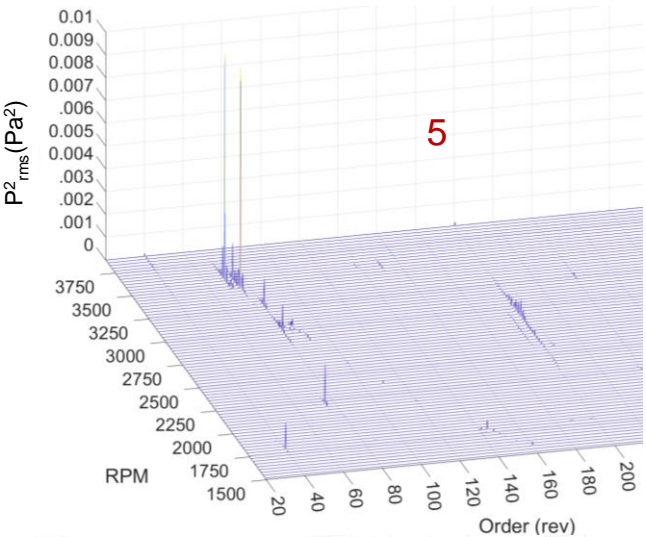
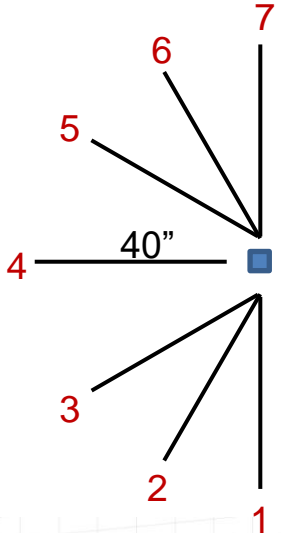


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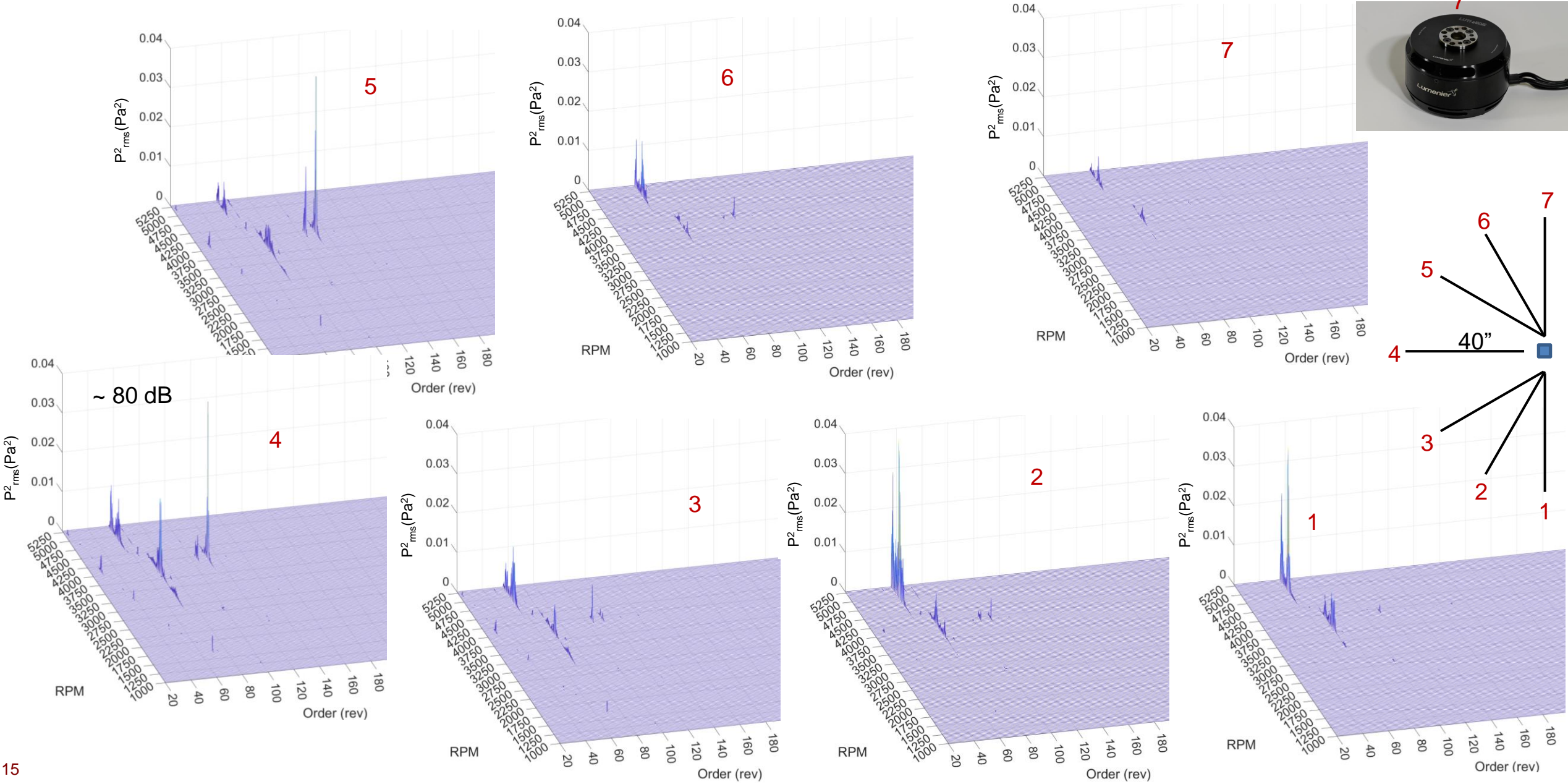




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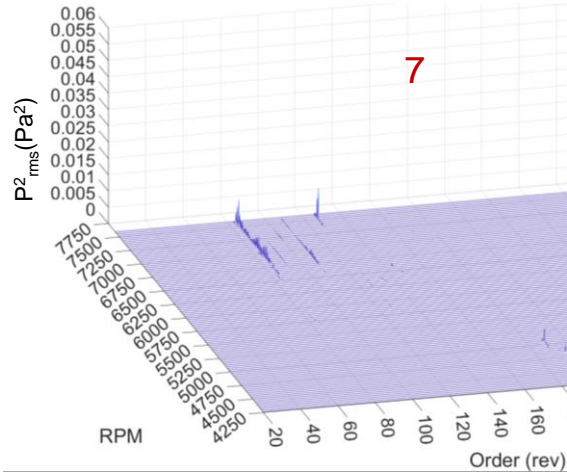
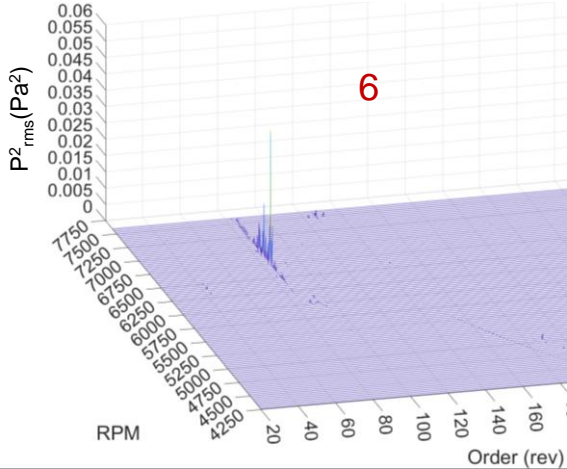
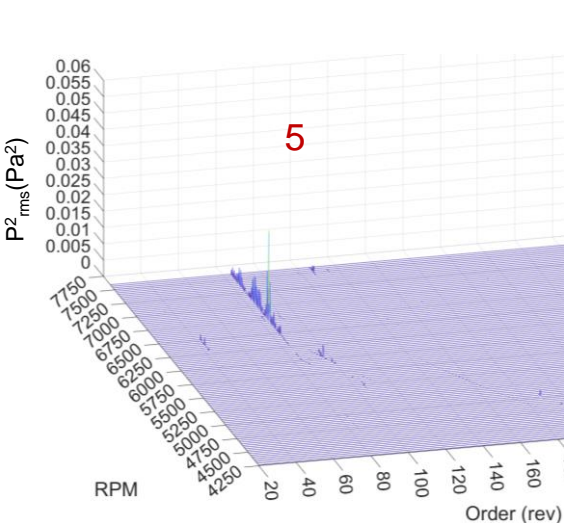


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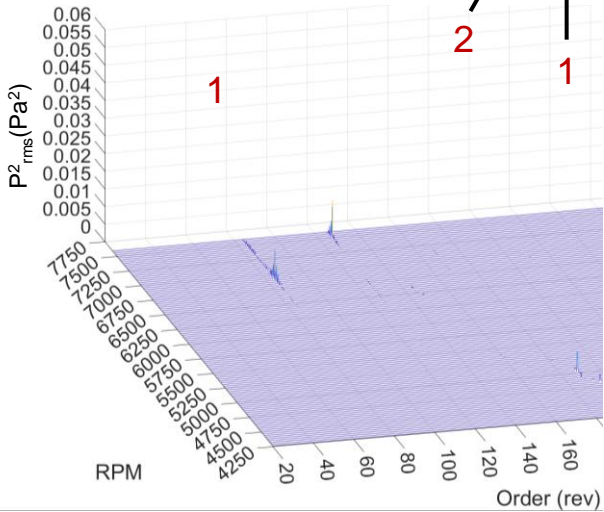
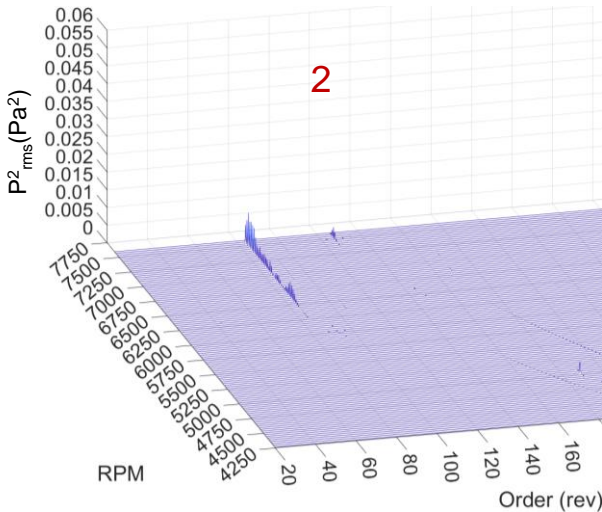
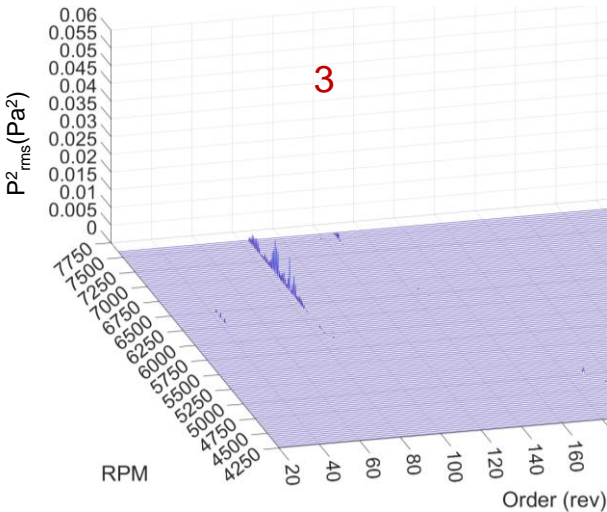
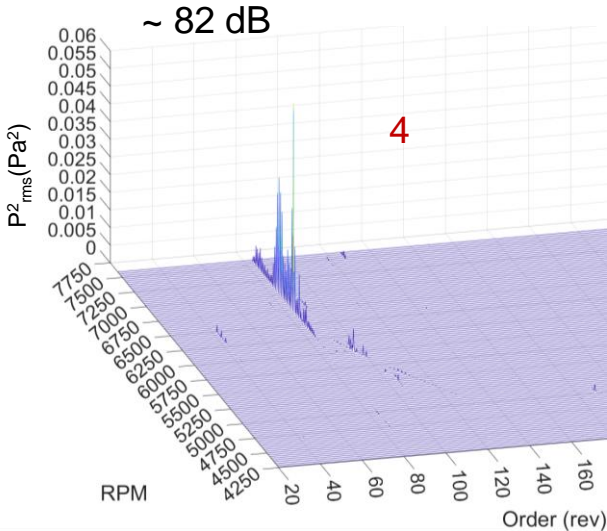
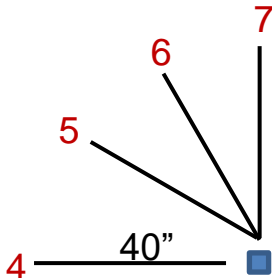




# LU8Lite (Lumenier)



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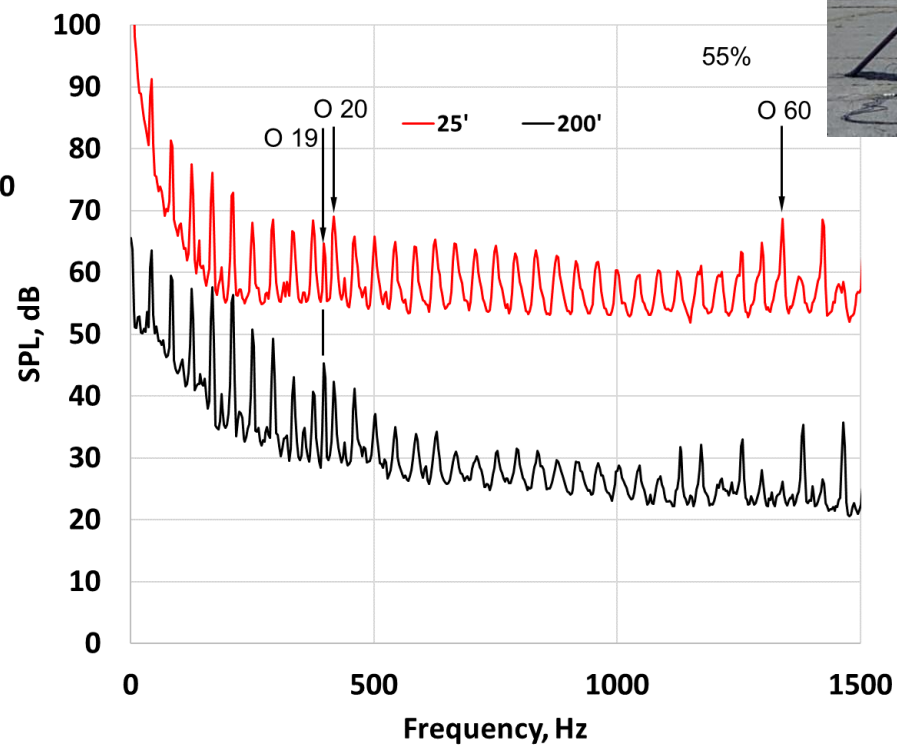
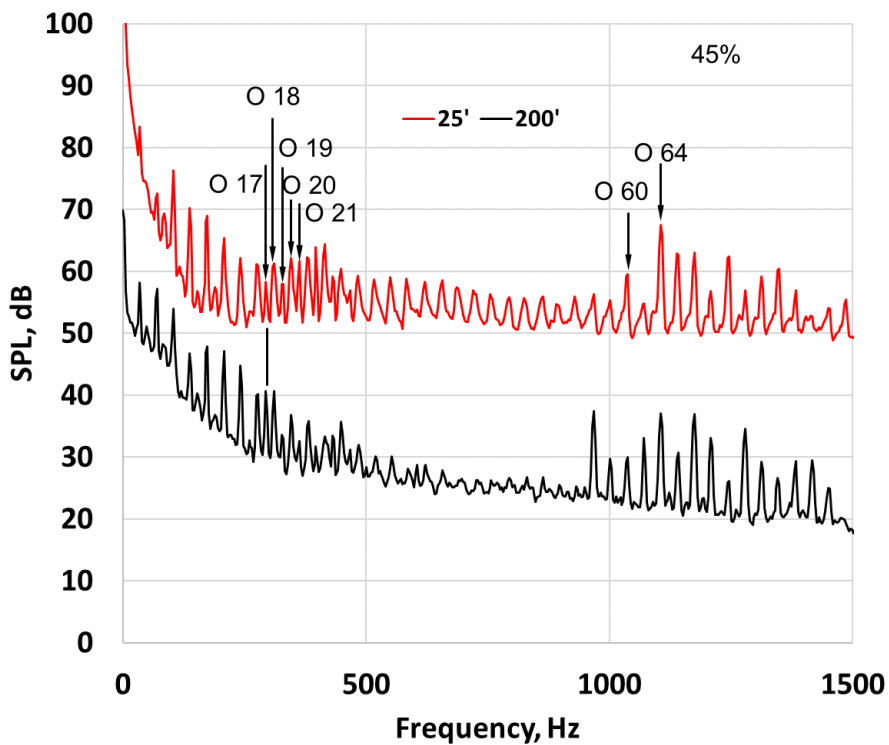




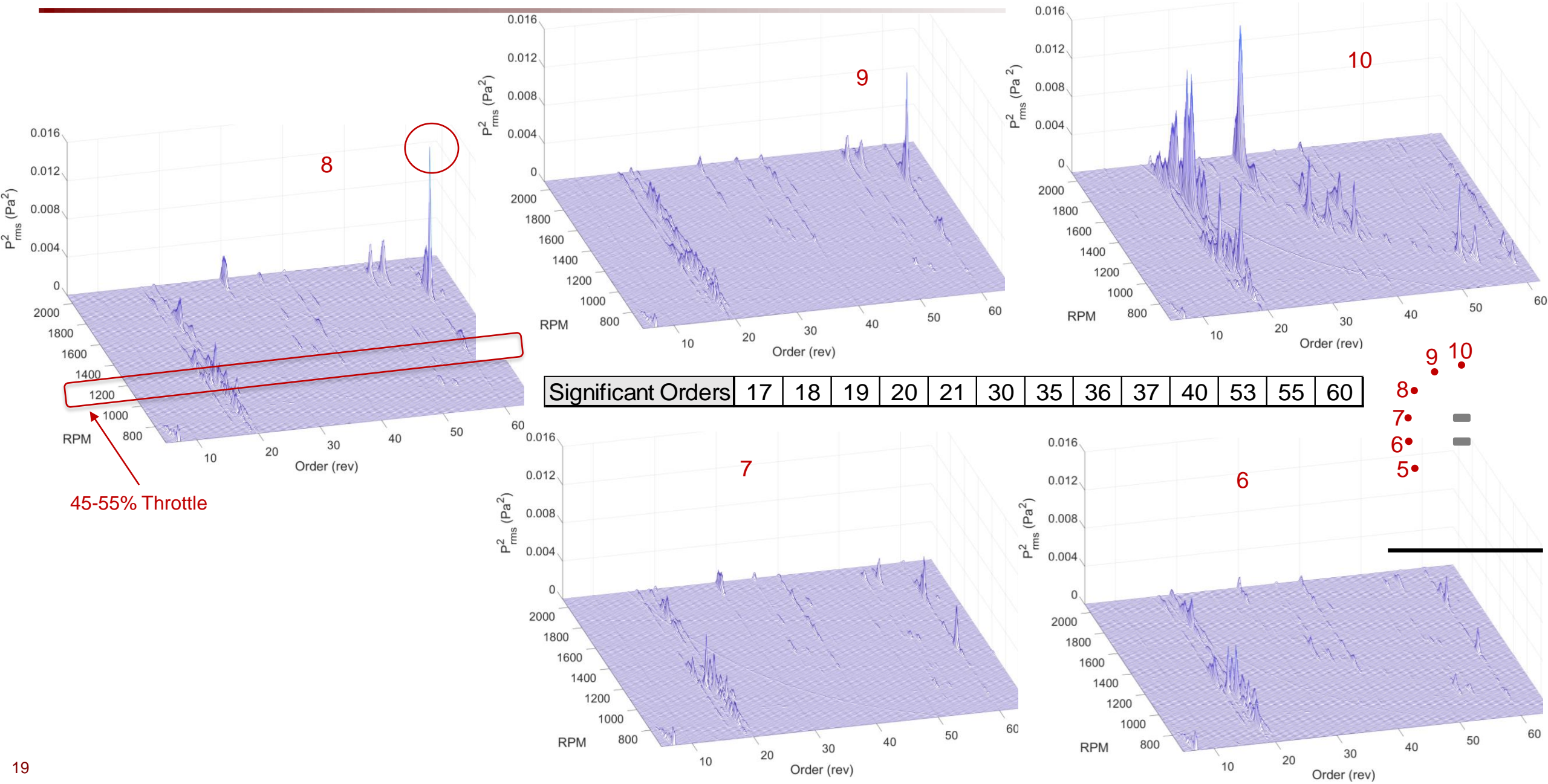
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## Moog/Surefly Update

# SureFly Motor (EMRAX)



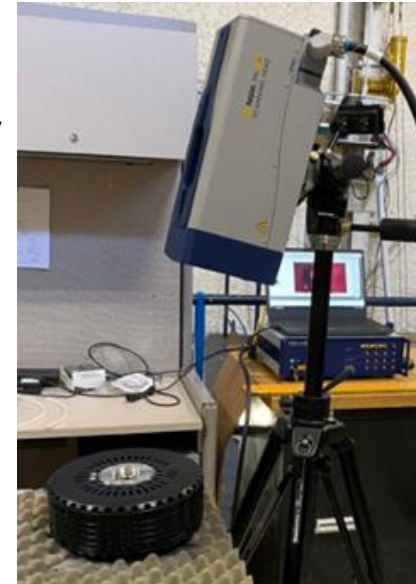
# SureFly Motor (EMRAX)



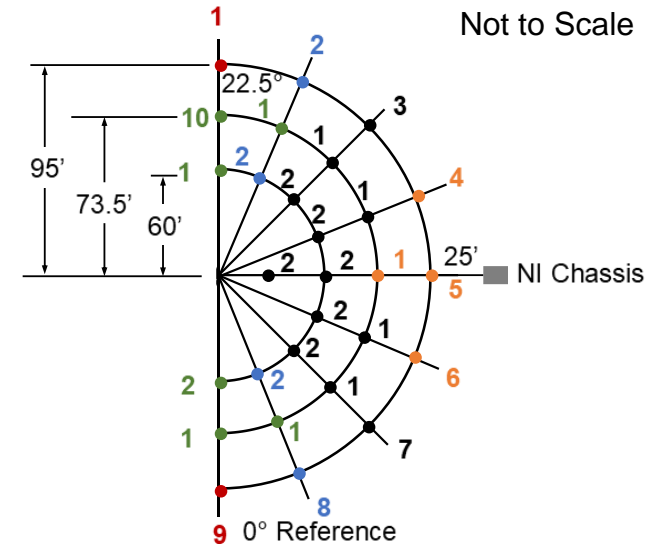
# Future Work



- EMRAX motor
  - Experimental modal analysis using scanning laser vibrometer
  - Finite element modal analysis
- Moog/Surefly Hover Acoustic Measurement
  - Limited measurements planned for April 2022
    - 15ft hover
    - Yaw (possible station keeping issues)
  - Locate far field more accurately
  - Initial directivity assessment



EMRAX Motor



Hover Test Setup

- Complete acoustic modal analysis data processing
- Start programming motor rotor acoustic radiation model
  - Infinite vibrating cylinder
  - Finite vibrating cylinder
  - Rotating finite vibrating cylinder



1 – 4kW Motor Near-Field Array